

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING: IT HAPPENS HERE

Human Trafficking is tied as the **SECOND LARGEST** and **FASTEST** growing criminal industry in the world, generating roughly \$150.2 billion worldwide, <sup>1</sup> and it's **HAPPENING IN INDIANA**.

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**Since the initiation of the Indianapolis Task Force and the Julian Center's Trafficked Persons Assistance Program in 2006:**

- Indiana law enforcement have responded to over **134** tips on possible human trafficking
- **123** victims have been served by non-profits

Human Trafficking occurs when people are recruited to work or provide services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. There are two types of human trafficking: **1) Sex Trafficking**      **2) Labor Trafficking**

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**According to the U.S. Dept. of State:**

- **27 million** men, women, and children are victims of human trafficking <sup>2</sup>
- **800,000** people are trafficked across international borders every year <sup>3</sup>

**Nearly 300,000 American youths** are at risk of becoming victims of commercial sexual exploitation. <sup>4</sup>

**12-14 years old** is the average age of entry of U.S. children into commercial sex. <sup>5</sup>

**Human Trafficking reaches every culture and demographics. Some risk factors include:**

- Youth
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Homelessness
- Desperation and/or a need to be loved
- Homes in countries torn by armed conflict, civil unrest, political upheaval, corruption, or natural disasters
- Family backgrounds strife with violence, abuse, conflict
- Immigration Status

**Trafficking is found in many industries including:**

- The sex industry
- Factories, restaurants, hotels
- Health and beauty industries
- Forced labor in agricultural or construction industries
- Domestic servitude as servant, housekeeper, or nanny

**Many victims don't self-identify with the term "human trafficking" or "victim." Here are some key indicators of human trafficking:**

- The individual is not able to hold on to their own personal documents
- Behaviors and routines are controlled by another person
- Fearful of retribution or distrustful of others
- Extra security around home or place of business
- Living at place of business
- Physical, sexual, or psychological abuse

**Human trafficking situations are often very dangerous and unpredictable.**

**If you suspect human trafficking, call 911 in an emergency and then contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at: 888-3737-888 (text BeFree- 233733).**

**If a child may be in danger, call the Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline: 1-800-800-5556.**

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<sup>1</sup> INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, PROFITS AND POVERTY: THE ECONOMICS OF FORCED LABOUR (2014), available at [http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed\\_norm/---declaration/documents/publication/wcms\\_243391.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---ed_norm/---declaration/documents/publication/wcms_243391.pdf). See also REMARKS AT THE RELEASE OF THE 2014 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS REPORT, U.S. DEPT. OF STATE (June 20, 2014) available at <http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/06/228083.htm>. See also CIVILIAN SECURITY, DEMOCRACY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS: THE ECONOMICS OF FORCED LABOR, U.S. DEPT. OF STATE (June 2014), available at <http://www.state.gov/secretary/remarks/2014/06/228083.htm>.

<sup>2</sup>U.S. Dept. of State Trafficking in Persons Report (2013), available at <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2013/index.htm>.

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Dept. of State Trafficking in Persons Report (2010), available at <http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2010/index.htm>.

<sup>4</sup> Amanda Walker-Rodriguez & Rodney Hill, *Human Sex Trafficking*, FED. BUREAU INVESTIGATION (Mar. 2011), [http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/march\\_2011/human\\_sex\\_trafficking](http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/march_2011/human_sex_trafficking)

<sup>5</sup> Some research indicates that the average age of entry for U.S. girls is 12 to 14, while the average age for U.S. boys and transgender youth is 11 to 13. See Amanda Walker-Rodriguez and Rodney Hill, *Human Sex Trafficking*, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, (March, 2011), available at [http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/march\\_2011/human\\_sex\\_trafficking](http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/law-enforcement-bulletin/march_2011/human_sex_trafficking). See also Polaris Project, *Child Sex Trafficking At-A-Glance*, (2011), available at [http://loveandlighttofreedom.org/uploads/Child\\_Sex\\_Trafficking\\_Polaris\\_Project\\_Jan\\_2012\\_.pdf](http://loveandlighttofreedom.org/uploads/Child_Sex_Trafficking_Polaris_Project_Jan_2012_.pdf). See also Ernie Allen, President and CEO of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, speaking to the House Victims Rights Caucus Human Trafficking Caucus, Cong. Rec., 111th Cong., 2nd sess., 2010.